

The Veterans History Project

SPOTLIGHT: ANTHONY C. NICHOLS

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I graduated from Florida State University in 1988 with a degree in Fashion Merchandising and worked in the fashion industry for a few years. However, I struggled to find the fulfillment I desired in that line of work. In 1990, I made the decision to enlist in the U.S. Army as a cavalry scout. I packed my bags and headed to my first duty station: Germany, one year after the Berlin Wall fell, where I was stationed with 300,000 American troops. Over the course of the next 20 years, I deployed in defense of Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom. As I reflect on my 23 years in the Army, the one thing that I am most grateful for are the men and women that I met along the way - the friendships and bond I formed with them has lasted the test of time. While the transition from officer and specialist to civilian was difficult at times, I am eternally grateful for my time in the service and I am so happy I made the decision to leave the fashion industry and enlist in the U.S. Army so many years ago.

BRANCH: U.S. ARMY

UNIT: MULTIPLE COMBAT UNITS

RANK: LIEUTENANT COLONEL

WAR: DESERT STORM, OIF, OEF

YEARS OF SERVICE: 1990-2013

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